



AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONSERVATOR OF A PERSON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 45a-656 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The conservator of the person shall have: (1) The duty and
4 responsibility for the general custody of the respondent; (2) the power
5 to establish his or her place of abode within the state; (3) the power to
6 give consent for his or her medical or other professional care, counsel,
7 treatment or service; (4) the duty to provide for the care, comfort and
8 maintenance of the ward; (5) the duty to take reasonable care of the
9 respondent's personal effects; and (6) the duty to report at least
10 annually to the probate court which appointed the conservator
11 regarding the condition of the respondent. The preceding duties,
12 responsibilities and powers shall be carried out within the limitations
13 of the resources available to the ward, either through his own estate or
14 through private or public assistance.

15 (b) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or
16 authority to cause the respondent to be committed to any institution
17 for the treatment of the mentally ill except under the provisions of
18 sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to 17a-484, inclusive, 17a-
19 495 to 17a-528, inclusive, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-

20 576, inclusive, 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-664,
21 inclusive, and chapter 359.

22 (c) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or
23 authority to cause the ward to be placed or maintained in an
24 institution for long-term care if the ward's physical, mental and
25 psychosocial needs can be met in a less restrictive and more integrated
26 setting. For purposes of this subsection, an "institution for long-term
27 care" means a facility that has been federally certified as a skilled
28 nursing facility or intermediate care facility.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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